

Appl. No. 10/614,927
Amdt. dated 12/06/2004
Reply to Office action of 09/27/2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is requested of all rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 103:

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 8 and 9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Horng et al (US 6,466,418) in view of Yang et al (US 6,452,757), is requested, based on the following.

US Patent 6,466,418 is removed as a reference under 35 USC 103 (a) because the referenced patent, and the claimed invention, were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person. Please see the following 103(c) statement:

35 USC 103 (c) statement

Application 10/614,927, and US Patent 6,466,418 were, at the time the invention of Application 10/614,927 was made, commonly owned by Headway Technologies, Inc., Milpitas, California.

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For the reasons cited above - the removal of US 6,466,418 as a reference under 103 (a) - the rejection is now considered moot. Reconsideration of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

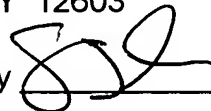
The Examiner is thanked for his indication of the allowability of Claims 8 and 9. Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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